

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to eliminate ambiguities. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above amendment upon initial examination and consideration on the merits of the present application.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite the prosecution.


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Conclusion

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended as follows:

Paragraph [0056] has been replaced with the following paragraph:

FIGs. 15B [to 15D] **and 15C** are cross-sectional views taken along the line “XV-XV” of

FIG. 15A.

FIG. 15A